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TO: Chief, FBIS
FROM: Chief, Saigon Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - March 1964

I. GENERAL

An aura of official optimism surrounded Secretary McNamara's visit to South Vietnam early in the month. At the end of the month, veterans of the struggle here were beginning to hope they saw some realistic basis for such optimism in the fact that General Khanh is revealing a surprising aptitude for organization and government. The planning stage has at least been completed in a number of important areas; next month we will begin to see if those plans can be translated into action at the riceroots level.

Terrorism in Saigon appears to have reverted to its former pattern of an occasional, relatively minor effort aimed primarily at military personnel or their installations. A feeling of relief is of course widespread, even though it is recognized that the respite is more the result of a calculated decision by the Viet Cong than the outcome of any newly devised, foolproof protection against fanatical terrorism.

II. OPERATIONS

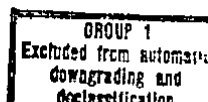
A. Monitorial

A total of 165 hours of voice broadcasts weekly were being covered at the end of the month.

B. Editorial

Total publishable wordage filed to Washington reached 209,000. Sihanouk's statements and several lengthy HOC TAP articles combined to bring the total to this new high.

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C. Lateral Services

The Translation Section of J-2 MACV was added to the distribution list for the Bureau's PRESS AND RADIO HIGHLIGHTS.

III. VISITS

The visit of the Deputy Chief of FBIS from 12 to 15 March provided a welcome and useful break in the routine. A reception was held at the Bureau Chief's house, with guests from U.S. and foreign agencies attending; the guest list had to be kept to a minimum, however, because security officials frown on large American parties at this time. An all-FBIS cocktail party was given by the [] and the [] hosted a dinner party for [] and the American staff.

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Mr. Chester L. Cooper visited the Bureau in his capacity as Chairman of the Reporting and Intelligence Subcommittee of the Vietnam Coordinating Committee. He asked the Bureau to name a representative to the Mission Reporting Team which is to produce a new Mission Weekly Report and Monthly Annex on South Vietnam developments. Mr. Cooper wanted as senior a representative from the Bureau as possible -- and indeed MACV has from its horn of plenty furnished several full colonels -- so the Bureau Chief is perforce serving on the team and providing weekly draft analyses of communist propaganda on South Vietnam to the Embassy political officer who puts together the final reports. Copies of the Bureau's contributions will be pouched to RPB.

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*Tom,
I would like
to see these. Ned*

Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Broadcast Coverage Report

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GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE FOR 1 APRIL 1964

Australia

English	Melbourne	is	0400-0410	daily	not ThF	good	2
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Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	fair	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	4
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0000	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao	0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"	0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French	0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao	0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French	2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Radio of the Neutralist Party

Lao	0500-0630	daily	daily	poor	2
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Liberation Broadcasting Station

Vietnamese	0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)	0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"	1130-1200	"	"	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam

Vietnamese/Cambodian/French	0000-0100	daily	daily	poor	1
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Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand

Thai	0100-0130	daily	not Su	good	2
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Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French	0500-0600	daily	daily	poor	2
" "	2300-0000	"	"	poor	2

Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0630-0700	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	fair	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" "	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" "	fair	2
"	Jesselton	ds	1130-1145	"	" "	poor	2

Vietnam (North)

Vietnamese(D)	Hanoi	VNA	ds	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"		s viet.	0400-0415	"	"	fair	1
"	"		ds	0445-0515	"	"	fair	1
"	(D)	" VNA	ds	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"		ds	1100-1130	"	daily	good	1
"	"		s viet.	1200-1230	"	not Su	good	2
"	"		s viet.	1400-1430	not Sa	not SS	fair	2
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"	"		s viet.	1130-1200	MF	MF	fair	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY Twice-daily (Sunday, one) bulletins covered by scrutiny								
English	Saigon	is	2330-2345	daily	daily	good	2	
Vietnamese	"	ds	0430-0445	"	"	good	1	
"	"	ds	0900-0915	"	"	good	1	
"	"	ds	2300-2305	"	"	good	1	